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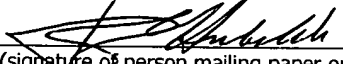
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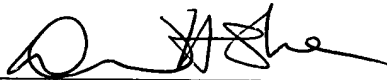
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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR REJOINDER OF CLAIMS 16 AND 18-29

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed February 13, 2003. Claims 1-66 are pending in this application. Claims 30-42 have been allowed. Claims 16-29 have been withdrawn as drawn to a non-elected species, however pending claim 64 is generic to claims 16-29. Claims 1, 8-9, 11-12, 43-44, 47-50, 56-57, 60 and 64-65 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b). Claims 2-7, 10, 13-15, 45-46, 51-55, 58-59, 61-63 and 66 have been objected to as presenting allowable subject matter but depending from rejected base claims.

Applicants respectfully amend their application herein to present the identified allowable subject matter. Because claim 64, as amended, is generic to claims 16 and 18-29, rejoinder of those claims, as amended, is respectfully requested under MPEP § 821.04.

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